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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:

- More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$1194 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$2094 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1194
 - \$258 for 3 independent claims over 3.
 - \$936 for 52 total claims over 20.

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 15, 2004, the following documents and fees are being submitted for filing in the captioned application. A copy of the Notice is attached.

[X] EXECUTED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

(Separate transmittal letter and postcard not required)

[X] POWER OF ATTORNEY DOCUMENT

Granted by Inventor(s)

Granted by Assignee, including Statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

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[] PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

(Separate transmittal letter and postcard not required)

[X] FILING FEE - with Fee Transmittal for Patent Applications in duplicate

Fee calculations based on:

Claims as originally filed

The Notice to File Missing Parts states an erroneous number of claims.

Claims upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment filed [herewith] [with the application]

(Separate transmittal letter and postcard not required)

SURCHARGE - surcharge fee of \$130.00

(Separate transmittal letter and postcard not required)

SEQUENCE LISTING - Filed concurrently and is attached

(Separate transmittal letter and postcard required)

REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS - [19] sheets of replacement drawings consisting of

Figs. 1 - 15 are enclosed *(Separate transmittal letter and postcard not required)*

A Petition to Accept Color Drawings/Photographs (Fig(s). []) and a Transmittal of Replacement Drawings, with attachments, are enclosed.

(Separate check for fees and postcard required)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 15, 2004 for three months from August 15, 2004 to November 15, 2004. The appropriate fee of \$980.00 is included in the enclosed check

A [] month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated [] was filed on [] with payment of a \$[] fee

Applicant hereby petitions for an additional [] month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts. The appropriate fee of \$[] is included in the enclosed check

(Separate Petition for Extension of Time and postcard not required)

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT - Filed concurrently and is attached

(Separate transmittal letter and postcard required)

STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Was filed on []

Is enclosed herewith

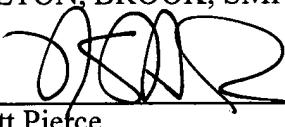
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In view of the small entity status of the captioned application, we hereby request a reimbursement of 50% of the filing fees in the amount of \$[] which were paid on [] to be deposited in Deposit Account No. 08-0380

The fees required for filing the indicated documents are enclosed in the form of a check in the total amount of \$3100.00. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees that may be due in this matter to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this letter is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIM CALCULATION (includes any preliminary amendment)

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (j))	72 - 20* =	52	x \$ 18 =	\$ 936
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (l))	6 - 3** =	3	x \$ 88 =	\$ 264
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$ 300 =	\$
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a) or (h))	\$ 790
			Total of above Calculations =		\$ 1990
			Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) =		\$
			TOTAL =		\$ 1990
			Surcharge - Late Filing of Declaration or Filing Fees (37 C.F.R. 1.16(e)) =		\$ 130
			Petition for Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17) =		\$ 980
			Assignment Recordation Fee = (only when filed with application)		\$
			[Other]		\$
	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent ** Reissue independent claims over original patent			TOTAL =	\$ 3100

1. Small entity status:

- a. A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer claimed.

2. A general authorization is hereby granted to charge deposit account number 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

3. A check is enclosed for \$3100.00. Please charge \$[] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

4. Other: _____

Signature		Date	11/15/04
Submitted by Typed or Printed Name	N. Scott Pierce	Reg. Number	34,900